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Deposition of Lieutenant Brian Russell

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1	Page 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	1	LIEUTENANT BRIAN RUSSELL	Page 3
2	for the		Being called as a witness by and on behalf of the	
3	EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA	3	Plaintiff, being first duly sworn, as hereinafter	
	EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA		certified, was examined and testified as follows:	
4 5		5	DIRECT EXAMINATION	
6	CHRICTOHER RUGH AND DALUR RUGH	6	BY MR. PURICELLI:	
7	CHRISTPHER BUSH AND DAVID BUSH	7	Q Lieutenant Russell; correct?	
8	Plaintiff	8	A That's correct.	
9		9	Q My name is Brian Puricelli. We're down	
10	v. Civil Action No. 07-4926	10	here for an action that is in the Eastern District	
11		11	of Pennsylvania against the Pennsylvania State	
12	S.C. ADAMS, ET AL.	12	Police. We're asking some question of a witness	
13	Defendants	13	status. Have you ever been deposed before?	
14		14	A Yes.	
15		15	Q Okay. You're familiar with the phrase	
16	Deposition of LIEUTENANT BRIAN RUSSELL,	16	"usual stipulations?"	
17	taken at the instance of the Plaintiff, before	17	A No.	
18	Mary E. Aliff, Court Reporter and Notary Public for	18	Q All right. Basically, it means I'm going	
19	the State of Virginia at Large on May 20, 2010	19	to ask you questions. Hopefully, you'll be able to	
20	commencing at 2:45 p.m. at the offices of the City	20	answer them. There are two objections that apply	
21	of Richmond City Attorney, 900 E. Broad Street,	21	here, one is privilege. Being I ask you a question	
22	Richmond, Virginia, pursuant to Rule 4:5 of the	22	such as something you said to you doctor, your	
23	Supreme Court Rules of Virginia, pursuant to notice.	23	priest or your lawyer goes to privilege. In those	
24	Supreme Court Rules of Angima, parsuant to notice.	24	cases we'll just move past them. And the form of	
25		25	the questions generally means that your attorney	
	Page 2		and questions generally means that your alterney	Page 4
1	APPEARANCES:	1	believes that maybe the question is vague or needs	8
2		2	to be explained. If it has two different meanings	
3	Mr. Brian Puricelli, Esa	3	he wants to make sure that you understand the	
4	Mr. Brian Puricelli, Esq. Law Offices of Brian Puricelli 691 Washington Crossing Road Newtown, PA 18904	4	question so that you're answering what I'm asking.	
5		5	Aside from that you may hear other	
6	on behalf of Plaintiff;	6	objections but you'll answer those questions.	
7		7	They're reserved for a decision by a judge later;	
8	Mr. Nicholas Simonoulos, Esa	8	okay?	
9	Mr. Nicholas Simopoulos, Esq. Office of the City Attorney 900 East Board Street Richmond, Virginia 23219	9	A Yes.	
10	Richmond, Virginia 23219	10	MR. PURICELLI: Anything you want to	
11	on behalf of Defendant.	11	instruct the witness on?	
	on behalf of Defendant.	12		
12			MR. SIMOPOULOS: No.	
13		13	MR. PURICELLI: He knows about reading?	
14	DIDEX	14	MR. SIMOPOULOS: You'll have the right to	
15	INDEX	15		
16		16		
17	DIRECT EXAMINATION	17	THE WITNESS: Okay.	
18	By Plaintiff pages 3 - 103	18	The state of the s	
19		19		
20	No Cross Examination	20		
21	e e	21		
22	Exhibit No. 1 page 71	22	ar servered by your	
23		23	An example would be maybe you used the	
24		24	word butt and it comes up B-U-T and you meant	
	Eratta pages 105 - 108	25	the butt of a gun or something and it's	

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1	B-U-T-T. You can correct those things. You	1	spoke to with the state police.	
2	can't change an answer. If you said yes and	2	Q Do you recall what barracks was the	
3	you meant to say no, you can't change that.	3	trooper that you spoke with?	
4	MR. SIMOPOULOS: We'll discuss that.	4	A It was outside of Philadelphia.	
5	BY MR. PURICELLI:	5	Q Did you make any notes or record any type	
6	Q Prior to coming here did you read anything	6	of medium, electronic or otherwise of the	
7	to prepare for coming?	7	conversation?	
8	A No.	8	A No.	
9	Q Have you had any discussions with anybody	9	Q What was the substance of the	
10	about coming here today other than your attorney?	10	conversation?	
11	A No.	11	A I talked to the sergeant at the state	
12	Q Do you know why you've been asked to come	12	police at the barracks outside of Philadelphia	
13	and visit with us today?	13	explaining to him that we had or Sergeant Adams	
14	A Yes.	14	had entered the individual's children into NCIC.	
15	Q So I don't need to go into the history of	15	And the children were listed as missing individuals,	
16	the case?	16	and we were assisting in the help of the state	
17	A No.	17	police for the safe return of those children back to	
18	Q All right. It's our understanding that at	18	Virginia.	
19	some point in time you became involved in an	19	Q What made you think it was a sergeant from	
20	allegation that the Bush children were improperly	20	a state police facility outside of Philadelphia?	
21	taken from Virginia. You understand that?	21	A Because I think I asked him where they	
22	A Yes.	22	were located at.	
23	Q Okay. Can you tell me when it is you	23	Q Did he say what the reason for the call	
24	first became involved with any part of the arrest of	24	was? Was he calling you to confirm something, or	
25	David Bush?	25	was he calling you to give you information?	
	Page 6			Page 8
1	A Well, I wasn't involved in the arrest of	1	A He didn't call me.	
2	David Bush.	2	Q You called him?	
3	Q Okay. Were you involved in the	3	A That's correct.	
4	procurement of any warrants for him?	4	Q How did you know to call the barracks or	
5	A No.	5	the facility at the state police outside	
6	Q Were you involved in any discussions with	6	Philadelphia?	
7	the state police in regards to David Bush?	7	A Because he knew the location of Mr. Bush's	
8	A Which state police?	8	address.	
9	75	9	Q Oh, okay. If I told you Dublin?	
10	100 T	10	A I'm sorry?	
11		11	Q Dublin Barracks PSP? Pennsylvania State	
12		12		
13		13	A (Witness shakes head.)	
14		14	Q That doesn't refresh your memory?	
15		15	A No, sir; it doesn't.	
16		16		
17		17	refresh your memory?	
18		18	A No.	
19		19		
20	The second secon	20		
21		21	A No.	
22		22		
23	The second was a first or the second will be a second with the sec	23		
24		24	A To assist us in retrieving the three	
25		25		
	11 1 don't recan the name of the sorgeant r	1-3	omitation odok to vinginia.	

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1 Q Ok	ay. Under what authority were you	1 1	three pages, each double sided, each one identified
	retrieve the children?		Runaways/Missing Persons, Incident No. 2006
-	court order issued by the Juvenile &	3	10240027 what is that?
	Relation's Court of the City of Richmond.	4	A Appears to be 29 on that one.
	ay. That's a civil lawyer; right?	5	Q Okay.
	a court order signed by a judge	6	A That would be the one for Dominik Serene.
	t Mr. Bush did not have legal custody of	7	Q And the other one looks like a date that's
	lren, and they were to be immediately	8	been modified. It's 0482?
	o Ms. Bush.	9	A No. That's the incident number. The date
	ay. Was there any order that was ever	10	has not been modified.
	o you that said Ms. Bush had legal custody	11	Q Not the date. The number.
	dren when she entered the Commonwealth of	12	A Yes. The incident number has been
	dren when she entered the Commonwealth of	13	modified to 0482, that's correct.
	on't understand the question.	14	
		15	Q Okay.
	re. Did you have knowledge whether		A Also this report.
	was lawfully in Virginia with the children?	16	Q This report being? A That's the incident date.
	ace again, I don't know what time period		
100	ring about. I don't understand the	18	Q For the purposes of the record Case No.
question.		19	20061014063. Seven pages?
	any time?	20	MR. SIMOPOULOS: I'd like to see that.
	any time did I know that Ms. Bush	21	MR. PURICELLI: (Document proffered.)
	any time did you learn that Ms. Bush	22	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Look at all this.
1	ginia without a court order from	23	THE WITNESS: (Reviews documents.)
	nia authorizing her to be in Virginia with	24	Actually, the RPR report would only be three
the kids?		25	pages. It would be these three pages.
	Page	1	Page 1
1 A No		1	MR. PURICELLI: Okay. Those three pages.
	hat did you do, if anything, to find out	2	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Maybe we can mark them in
	in Virginia with the kids lawfully?	3	some other way so we now what we're referring
	lidn't. I had a court order from the	4	
	chmond that she produced by a judge	5	MR. PURICELLI: I'm trying to do that now
	at Mr. Bush was not to have custody of the	6	because we have them all in one packet of Adams
7 children, a	and the children were to be immediately	7	1
8 returned to	o Ms. Bush.	8	The service of the se
9 Q Is	that the first you had any knowledge of	9	little number at the bottom.
10 how the in	ncident where David Bush retained custody	10	MR. PURICELLI: All right. That's
	dren in Virginia and removed them?	11	acceptable. We'll call it
1	n sorry. Repeat the question.	12	MR. SIMOPOULOS: 1, 2 and 3.
	id another way, when was the first time	13	MR. PURICELLI: We've already got 1. How
14 you learne	ed about David Bush coming to Virginia to	14	about we call it A,B,C.
pick up hi	s children?	15	MR. SIMOPOULOS: All right.
16 A Af	fter the report was filed with the	16	MR. PURICELLI: And we've designated in
17 Richmond	d Police Department.	17	ink for Adams 1, three pages for an Incident
18 Q W	hat report?	18	Investigation Internal copy, three letters A, B
	was an incident based report.	19	
	show you packet of documents marked	20	
200	Can you identify it? Is that the report	21	
1	d) you're referring to?	22	
	eviews documents.) This is the report,	23	
	away and Missing Person.	24	
	or the purposes of the record, I have	25	

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	Page 13			age 15
1	A That's correct.	1	A I don't know.	
2	Q One of them is circled; correct? Up in	2	Q Do you have an approximation? Last year?	
3	the upper right-hand corner?	3	A I don't know.	
4	A (Reviews documents.) You're referring to	4	Q Okay. Was he a member of any specialized	
5	Missing Person 90B?	5	unit to take that report?	
6	Q The only one of the three that's circled?	6	A No.	
7	A Correct.	7	Q Do you know how that report came to be	
8	Q What does the circle indicate?	8	prepared?	
9	A A missing person.	9	A No.	
10	Q Okay. And the other two are not circled.	10	Q What was your position with the Richmond	
11	Is that for any particular reason?	11	Police Department when that report was created?	
12	A I don't know.	12	A The report was created October 24, 2006.	
13	Q I assume, and correct me if I'm wrong,	13	I was Lieutenant in charge of Major Crimes Unit.	
14	there are procedures within the Richmond Police	14	Q And as Lieutenant of Major Crimes, who did	
15	Department about completing this form?	15	you supervise?	
16	A Correct.	16	A I supervised Youth Services, the Fugitive	
17	Q Would those procedures say whether or not	17	Unit, Aggravated Assaults, the Sex Crime Unit, the	
18	a particular block on that form should or shouldn't	18	Pawn Shop and Pawn Watch Unit and the Expediter	
19	be circled?	19	which means the individual that screens reports.	
20	A That's correct.	20	Q The expediter who screens reports also	
21	Q What should it be? Circled or not	21	screen reports for persons determined to be missing?	
22	circled?	22	A No.	
23	A They all, by the rule, should be circled	23	Q No? Okay. Do they screen reports for	
24	in missing persons.	24	that would concern abduction of children?	
25	Q Okay. So this is an over sight?	25	A No.	
	Page 14		2000	age 16
1	A Okay. I didn't take the report.	1	Q Would it be fair for me to say that the	
2	Q Who did?	2	person who reviews those reports as expediter would	
3	A Mark Segal.	3	have nothing to do with looking at anything with the	
4	Q Mark Segal?	4	Bush case?	
5	A Uh-huh.	5	A Correct.	
6	Q Do you know Mark Segal?	6	Q All right. Who was the person below you	
7	A Yes.	7	who would have supervised Youth Services?	
8	Q Who is he?	8	A It would have been Sergeant Sean Adams.	
9	A He is now a Deputy with the Hanover County	9	Q Anybody below him that supervised lesser	
10	Sheriff's Office.	10	persons or subordinates of that unit?	
11	Q When were the reports that we're looking	11	A No.	
12	at completed?	12	Q How many people were in that unit in 2006	
13	A I stand corrected. The reports are filled	13	on or about October 1 through December 1, 2006?	
14	out properly. When I flip over to page 1 all three	14	A Eight.	
15	reports are circled Missing Person 90B.	15	Q Would that be one sergeant for eight	
16	Q Okay. So they're all a Missing Person	16		
		17		
17	Report?		A It would have been one sergeant for eight	
18	A Correct.	18	detectives.	
19	Q At the time that he was preparing this	19	Q So there would have been nine below you in	
20	report as indicated by the signature there in the	20		
21	block you're identifying for who filled it out, was	21	A Correct.	
22	he a member of the Richmond City Police Department?	22		
23	A Yes, he was.	23	8	
24	Q Okay. When did he leave the Richmond City	24	1	
25	Police Department?	25	were assigned to the eight detectives he had working	

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1	for him at the time.		1	it's fine, he electronically forwards it?	
2	Q Would he do the assignments to the eight		2	A Well, once the street sergeant approves	
3	detectives?		3	it, it automatically gets forwarded to the	
4	A Yes.		4	respective division.	
;	Q Okay. And how, under policy, is the		5	Q What would be the criteria, if there is,	
5	assignment given to a detective?		6	for a missing child?	
,	A Just a regular case that comes in?		7	A A missing child?	
	Q Yes. Say you get a phone call.		8	Q Yes. Someone calls up and says, My child	
	A There's a procedure. Basically, the		9	is missing. I assume the department has a criteria	
	uniform officers fill out an incident based report		10	as to whether the report will fit a missing child's	
	similar to the one you have in front of you.		11	report or not?	
	Q Okay. The ones we marked A, B and C?		12	A Correct.	
	A Correct. That goes electronically to the		13	Q What would be the criteria?	
			14	A It depends on the age, number one.	
	street sergeant. That sergeant will then approve		15	Q What would be the minimum age?	
	that report or disapprove it and send it back for		16	A There's a different response for children	
	corrections. Once that sergeant approves that		17	ten and above and ten and under.	
	report it automatically gets sent to Youth Services		18	Q Okay. What's the difference?	
	for follow-up later.		19	A Anybody ten and under reported missing we	
,	Q The reports that we have here, would there		20	actually set up an incident based command. Usually	,
	be any indication you can point me to as to whether		21	near the incident, where it occurred. If we do not	
	or not a street sergeant reviewed this report?		22	know where if the child is not with somebody and	
	A Yes.		23	is missing as in probably an abduction by a stranger	
Ļ	Q Who was that street sergeant?		24	that would be set up, reports would be filed. Youth	
5	A Sergeant Childress.		25		
	Ti Sergeunt Cimaressi	Page 18		Services and detectives would be assigned to that	Page 2
1	Q Because his name appears on it does that		1	particular post, and then we'd start looking for the	8
2	mean he approved it?		2	child after the report was filed.	
3	And the second s		3	Q Okay. And I'll cut to the chase. You	
1	Q And it would have been that sergeant who		4	have a situation where the natural children of the	
5	then had it electronically sent? Or would it just		5	father are removed from Virginia. And the natural	
5	be returned to the patrol officer for that?		6	mother is complaining about it. How does that fit	
7			7		
3	the report the sergeant would send it back for		8	A Well, a report needs to be filed first.	
9	correction before approving it.		9	Q A missing child report?	
0	Q And then if everything was fine?		10	A Yes. Runaway missing person report needs	
L	A It would automatically be approved and		11	to be filed. It needs to be taken by the officer.	
2			12	And if you look at the block, lower left-hand side.	
3		ı	13	Q The one that has the following section	
1			14		
5			15	A Right. And it needs to be signed off by	
5			16		
		o	17	Q All right. This is certifying the person	
7					
3	The second secon		18	5	
9	r - r		19	A Uh-huh.	
0	0-1-1		20	2 miles miles of the provided to the critical	
1			21	is true and correct to the best of their	
2	P		22	1 1	
3			23	A You're asking a question?	
4			24	The second secon	
5	to the sergeant who reviews it electronically. If		25	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Document speaks for	

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1	itself.	1 4 5 2 1	1	who they're with; is that correct?
2	MR. PURICELLI: I just want to make sure I		2	A No. It's a missing person report. It
3	understand it. That's all.		3	could be that the person is just missing. We get a
4	BY MR. PURICELLI:		4	lot of missing person reports that they haven't seen
5	Q Authorizing law enforcement to use		5	the child or the individual. Everybody has a right
6	photographs and other identifying information in		6	based on facts and circumstances surrounding this to
7	attempt to locate the person being reported missing?		7	file a missing person report if they believe that
8	A Yes. It says, I authorize any law		8	the person is missing.
9	enforcement official to use photographs and/or other	r	9	Q What do you at the department classify as
LO	identifying information that I have provided in any		10	a person missing?
11	manner they deem necessary in attempting to locate		11	A Somebody that hasn't been seen in three
12	the person I am reporting missing.		12	hours, there's unusual circumstances that they
13	Q And the last one simply says, the parent		13	haven't been seen. Each case is different. We have
14	or legal guardian of person reported missing?		14	to look at them on a case to case basis.
15	A I represent that I am the natural parent		15	Q How about if the person reporting a child
16	or legal guardian of the person named in this report		16	missing knows that the child has been turned over to
17	and have the legal right to sign this authorization		17	the natural father by the police? Does that mean
18	and consent.		18	the child's missing by Richmond Police Department's
19	Q What would constitute legal guardianship?		19	policy?
20	A Mother, father, grandmother that has been		20	A If the individual that signs this that
21	appointed by the Court as a guardian, guardian ad		21	actually reports the child missing knows that, that
22	litem.		22	would be a different circumstance.
23	Q And a parent is obvious?		23	Q What circumstance would it be?
24	A (Nods.)		24	A I think it would probably raise to the
25	Q And they have what appear to be initials		25	level of further investigation would need to be done
	Q And they have what appear to be initials	Page 22	-	Page 24
1	in the upper right-hand corner. Do you know what	1 agc 22	1	
2	those are?		2	Q Well, Sergeant Adams would have to
3	A I can read them. It says, Okay, per M.K.		3	supervise this form; wouldn't he?
4			4	A I think he would have seen it, yes. These
5	Segal.  Q So they're actually a note. That's not an		5	are forms filled out by requirement of state police.
	Q So they're actually a note. That's not an okay for some of these names. It's an actual word?		6	This on the other hand would create follow up.
6 7	A I have no idea. I did not complete that.		7	
8			8	Q I understand. I just want to stick with
	Q Is it usual for something to be in that block according to the policies of the department?		9	this right now.
9				A Okay.
10	A I don't know.		10	Q I want to know what the department's need
11	Q You were the person who supervised		11	was for filling out this missing child form when the
12	ultimately these documents; weren't you?		12	child has been picked up by the police, the same
13	A No.		13	police filling out the form, and turns it over to
14	Q Who would have been?		14	the natural farther, and the child is reported
15	A These documents were taken by Mark Segal	L,	15	missing and is leaving with the father and there's a
16	and put on file with the Youth and Services Unit		16	whole police report on it?
17	per state law.		17	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Calls for speculation and
18	,		18	objection.
19	were completed according to department policy?		19	MR. PURICELLI: You can answer the
	A Sergeant Adams.		20	1
			21	MR. SIMOPOULOS: Answer if you can.
21	Q So you never would have been involved at			
20 21 22	that level of supervision?		22	,
21 22 23	that level of supervision?  A No.		23	you're trying to ask me.
21 22	that level of supervision?  A No.			you're trying to ask me. BY MR. PURICELLI: